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CONNECTION WITH USSR-SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 7100, (B) STATE 113327, (C) IAEA VIENNA
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1. REF C OF JUNE 3 TRANSMITTED DRAFT TEXT OF SUBJECT
AGREEMENT, ARRIVED AT DURING NEGOTIATIONS DURING MAY
18-20 VISIT TO BOMBAY OF IAEA NEGOTIATORS. REMAINING
ISSUE OUSTANDING IS QUESTION OF APPLICABILITY OF
AGREEMENT TO RAJASTHAN ATOMIC POWER STATION, INCLUDING
BOTH RAPP-1 AND RAPP-2 REACTORS. THAT QUESTION WAS TO
BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY BOTH SIDES.

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2. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT UPON RETURN TO VIENNA,
AGENCY TEAM LEADER FISCHER INFORMED INDIAN TEAM LEADER
BY CABLE THAT AGENCY REMAINED CONVINCED THAT AGREEMENT
MUST APPLY TO ENTIRE STATION. MISSION ALSO INFORMED
THAT INDIAN AMBASSADOR MEHTA SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED UPON
DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND, PER INSTRUCTIONS, AND THAT

EKLUND ADVISED HIM THAT USSR, CANADA AND U.S. GOVERNORS WOULD BE LIKELY APPROVE AGREEMENT ONLY IF IT APPLIED TO ENTIRE STATION. THEREFORE, IF GOI UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUCH FORMULA, THERE WAS NO POINT IN PLACING AGREEMENT ON AGENDA FOR IAEA BOARD GOVS MEETING TO BEGIN JUNE 14.

3. AGENCY SECRETARIAT FURTHER REPORTS THAT USSR MISSION HAS INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY NO RPT NOT BE ON JUNE BOARD AGENDA.

4. SECRETARIAT SEES NO POSSIBILITY THAT GOI WILL ACCEPT AGENCY FORMULA IN TIME TO PERMIT DISTRIBUTION OF TEXT, IN FORM OF REQUIRED BOARD DOCUMENT, IN ADVANCE UPCOMING MEETING. THUS, EARLIEST BOARD ACTION APPEARS TO BE PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING OF BOARD IN SEPTEMBER, UNLESS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING CALLED DURING SUMMER, WHICH IS UNLIKELY.

5. MISSION FORESEES POSSIBILITY THAT AMB. MEHTA MAY USE OCCASION OF ATTENDANCE BY AMB. TAPE AT JUNE 14 BOARD MEETING TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF ADVICE HE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY SECRETARIAT RE UNACCEPTABILITY TO USG OF AGREEMENT UNLESS IT APPLIES TO ENTIRE STATION, I.E., BOTH RAPP-1 AND RAPP-2. MISSION THEREFORE SUGGESTS AMB. TAPE BE PROVIDED WITH GUIDANCE ON CONTINGENT BASIS FOR RESPONSE SUCH QUERY. LABOWITZ

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